

IN THE ABSTRACT:

#### IV. ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The present invention comprises a series of modules, A modular drive~~  
unit for a gurney including a control/handle module, a cord reel/charger module, a  
drive module, and a chassis assembly, plus all needed electrical wiring harnesses and  
pneumatic tubing to connect them. ~~Also included are means to mount t~~ The modules  
mount to any existing gurney and to each other without making permanent  
modifications to the gurney. The gurney is controlled by a handle assembly containing  
all necessary controls and indicators to allow the operator to select forward or reverse  
direction, increase or reduce speed of travel, observe the state of battery charge, and  
energize or deenergize power from the various modules. In addition, the handle may  
be swung down through 180 degrees to facilitate loading and unloading the gurney.